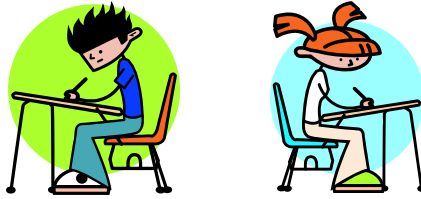


Dear Eighth Graders,



We are looking forward to sharing your last year at Saint Bartholomew's with you. The year promises to hold many challenging learning experiences as well as memorable events. In Religion classes we will have young adult discussions, focus on the beliefs of our Church, and complete Confirmation journals. Math and Algebra will help us to use our higher level thinking skills as we complete equations, graphs and charts and work with both variables and percents. In Literature we will read four exciting novels and in Language Arts we will develop research skills which will certainly be beneficial in high school. We will also be sharing with each other Humanitarian projects which are sure to be inspirational. Hands-on is what Science will be all about as we make catapults and "advertise" elements. History will come alive as we go to "boot camp" and reenact our "light eyes-dark eyes" experiment.

In order to help prepare you for the school, we ask you to come equipped with the following supplies:

- ✧ Loose-leaf paper
- ✧ Homework assignment book
- ✧ Two folders
- ✧ Black and red pens
- ✧ Pencils
- ✧ Scissors
- ✧ Ruler
- ✧ Protractor
- ✧ Scotch tape
- ✧ Glue Stick
- ✧ Eraser
- ✧ Wite●Out
- ✧ Crayons, colored pencils or markers

Loose-leaf binders are found to be too cumbersome and not necessary since we have notebooks. So we ask that they not be purchased.

This year we will continue a summer reading program with each class being assigned one book. The novel, *Night* by Elie Weisel, has been selected for the eighth grade. We have chosen this novel because it is our personal favorite preparing you for the study of the Holocaust with the possibility of visiting the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. We encourage you to read carefully. We will discuss the novel and will have a classroom activity based upon it.

See you in September! Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,
The Eighth Grade Teachers